**Music Composition Project**

Imagine you are a Composer! You need to create a self-portrait for the ages to see you and you need to write a piece of music! A word to the wise, your queen only likes pieces of music from 1600 - 1800. Anything out of that “norm” is unacceptable.

You and your team must write a piece of music to satisfy the Queen’s musical tastes. You will use a string duet, trio or quartet to compose for and the composition that satisfies the criteria the best and is the most interesting may even be performed at a school function.

Baroque & Classical music has some clear patterns of composition. Having looked over some of the scores we have been listening to, you may have observed that all have some sorts of scales, of polyphony, of copying and of simplistic rhythm. After creating your composition, you will also create a face and biography to go with your composition. You will, in essence, create your own composer persona. You will give him a name, a face and a story.

**Criteria for project:**

1. 12 - 24 measures must be written in Musescore. \_\_\_/5
2. No Blatant Plagiarism: (you can take some ideas from the composers, but you cannot take the whole piece, obviously), be creative on your own. / \_\_\_ 5
3. Two - Four instruments. \_\_\_\_\_ / 5
4. Must have some scale patterns (at least 2). \_\_\_ / 5
5. Must have some elements of polyphony. \_\_\_\_\_ / 5
6. No sharps or flats outside of your key \_\_\_\_\_ / 5
7. Must have some ties and dots. \_\_\_\_\_ / 5
8. Must have some rests. \_\_\_\_\_ / 5
9. Composer must have a face. \_\_\_\_\_ / 10
10. Composer music have a full life story \_\_\_\_\_\_ / 10
11. Must be submitted by email by : \_\_Friday, October 20th\_\_ / 5

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 65

**For your composer:**

You can use the site: <http://www.pimptheface.com/create/> in order to create your person. When deciding your name, you have to know where you’re from. That will determine your name. Here are the names available to you based upon country.

***Italian German Russian English***

Antonio Johann Peter George

Francesco Frederick Igor Henry

Luciano Ludwig Anton Thomas

Claudio Christian Vladimir William

You must tell about your life as a composer. You must talk about how you came to be such a famous composer working for your Queen. You must tell us how you lived your life and how you died as well. You should have a poster / large piece of paper explaining who you are to go along with your piece of music.

Example:

His name is Christian Handelson and he was born in Baden-Württemberg Germany in 1680. He grew up the first of 7 children and his father was a court composer. He learned how to play the violin very early and was asked to play for the court as early as 10 years old. His talents were so great that he began earning money along side his father by 12 years old. He played for local courts and even the oldest castles in Europe. (More to come)

